

The literary structure of Mark 3:7-12

Part 1: Jesus withdraws, the crowd comes

A. Jesus withdraws: ⁷Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea,

B. Great crowd: and a great crowd followed,

C. Seven areas: from Galilee and Judea ⁸and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon.

B1. Great crowd: When the great crowd heard all that he was doing,

A1. The crowd comes: they came to him.

Part 2: Jesus' response

A. A restriction: he separates himself from the crowd: ⁹And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him,

B. The sick fall upon him to touch him: ¹⁰for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases "fell upon" him to touch him.

B1. The demonized fall before him and speak: ¹¹And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."

A1. A restriction: he doesn't allow the demons to talk: ¹²And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.